



PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2006 in the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

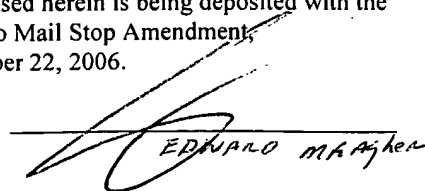
A complete listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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